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May 5, 2004

Mary Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: NSTAR Electric, D.T.E. 03-121

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is an original and nine (9) copies of NSTAR Electric's responses to the Record Requests on the accompanying list.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

David S. Rosenzweig
(SHA)

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Enclosures

cc: William Stevens, Hearing Officer
John-Cope Flanagan, Hearing Officer
Service List

Response to Record Requests

Record Request AG-3

Record Request DTE-1

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Record Request DTE-5

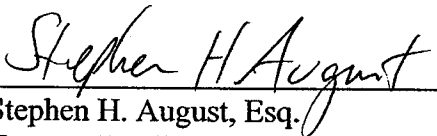
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

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| Boston Edison Company |) | |
| Cambridge Electric Light Company |) | |
| Commonwealth Electric Company |) | |
| d/b/a NSTAR Electric |) | |
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D.T.E. 03-121

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served the foregoing documents upon the service list in the above-docketed proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 220 C.M.R. 1.05.



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Dated: May 5, 2004

Record Request AG-3 (Tr. 1, at 3)

Please provide a copy of the letter sent to Senator Morrissey concerning the status of Massachusetts utilities' stranded cost recovery.

Response

NSTAR has not sent a letter to Senator Morrissey as of this time.

Record Request DTE-1 (Tr. 3, at 344)

Please provide the 1995 cost-of-service study for Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company, and, if possible, Boston Edison Company.

Response

Please see Attachment RR-DTE-1(a) and RR-DTE-1(b) for the cost of service studies for Cambridge and Commonwealth, respectively. As explained by Mr. LaMontagne, the transition charge and distribution rates that were approved by the Department in D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23 were established as a result of settlement negotiations between Boston Edison and other settling parties, and are included in the Restructuring Settlement. The rates were established by agreement of the parties and there is no cost-of-service study that comports to the agreed distribution rate levels. Please note that the attachments represent a bulk document and, as such, only two copies are being provided to the Department.

Record Request DTE-2 (Tr. 3, at 366)

Please provide the difference between the customer-charge prices on the rates that are subject to the proposed standby rates in this proceeding and compare those prices to the embedded and marginal customer costs listed in the associated cost studies used in the last litigated rate cases for the NSTAR Electric companies.

Response

Please see Attachment RR-DTE-2.

NSTAR ELECTRIC
Comparison of Customer Costs and Rates

Boston Edison (\$/Cust/Mo)

| | <u>Embedded(1)</u> | <u>Marginal(4)</u> | <u>Current</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Rate G-2 | \$ 42.90 | \$ 19.46 | \$ 18.19 |
| Rate T-2 | \$ 42.90 | \$ 425.84 | |
| kW<150 | - | | \$ 27.77 |
| 150<kW<300 | - | | \$ 114.62 |
| 300<kW<1000 | - | | \$ 166.67 |
| kW>1000 | - | | \$ 374.57 |
| Rate G-3 | \$ 667.21 | \$ 531.80 | \$ 237.07 |

Note 1 Attachment DTE-2-25 Schedule 20, p. 1C, l. 160

Note 4 Attachment DTE-2-23, Schedule 5

Commonwealth Electric

| | <u>Embedded(2)</u> | <u>Marginal(5)</u> | <u>Current</u> |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Rate G-2 | \$ 189.70 | \$ 217.13 | \$ 360.13 |
| Rate G-3 | \$ 511.56 | \$ 217.13 | \$ 900.00 |

Note 2 Attachment AG-1-1(a), Table 7, Page 39-3,4 line 30 weighted

Note 5 Attachment DTE-3-18, Summary

Cambridge Electric

| | <u>Embedded(3)</u> | <u>Marginal(6)</u> | <u>Current</u> |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Rate G-2 | \$ 224.95 | \$ 250.16 | \$ 90.00 |
| Rate G-3 | \$ 657.18 | \$ 555.02 | \$ 90.00 |

Note 3 Attachment AG-1-1(b), Table 7, Page 39-3,4 line 30 weighted

Note 6 Attachment DTE-4-19, Summary

Record Request DTE-3 (Tr. 3, at 384)

Please provide an explanation as to what the V in the column labeled Low A kVa on Exhibit AG-1-19(a) (Supp), Page 1, Attachment (a) designates.

Response

The "V" is actually part of the column labeled "kW-kVA indicator". It represents those monthly bills for Boston Edison customers where 90 percent of the metered kVA is used as the billing demand.

Record Request DTE-5 (Tr. 3, at 405)

Please provide how long the six-month prior written notice for termination of service provision has been in place for the G-2, the G-3, and the T-2 tariffs for the three NSTAR companies.

Response

The termination notice for the G-2, G-3 and T-2 Boston Edison tariffs was set at the six-month period in March 1998. Prior to this, the termination notice was set in 1992 at twelve months.

In regard to Cambridge's G-2 and G-3 tariffs, the termination notice was set at six months in December 1985. Prior to this, the termination was either six months or twelve months depending on the rates that were consolidated into the existing G-2 and G-3 rates.

For Commonwealth, the termination notice was set at six-months in July 1991. Prior to this, the termination was either six months or twelve months depending on the rates that were consolidated into the existing G-2 and G-3 rates.